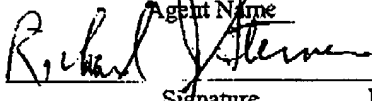


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the nonfinal Office Action mailed
August 19, 2005. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in
view of the amendments and remarks following.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time extending the time for response from November 19, 2005 up to and including February 21, 2006. This request and the accompanying response are timely as February 19th and 20th were holidays. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required \$1,020 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1703. Any other fees which may be due for any reason in connection with this Petition may likewise be charged.